

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

ESAU ERNESTO CHICAS ORTEGA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

KRISTI NOEM, SECRETARY OF
HOMELAND SECURITY; SYLVESTER
ORTEGA, ACTING FIELD OFFICE
DIRECTOR, SAN ANTONIO FIELD
OFFICE, UNITED STATES
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT; AND US ATTORNEY
GENERAL PAMELA BONDI, UNITED
STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL;

Defendants.

ORDER DIRECTING SERVICE AND ANSWER/RESPONSE

On June 18, 2025, Esau Ernesto Chicas Ortega filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Dkt. No. 1. Also filed was a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order or, in the Alternative, for a Preliminary Injunction. Dkt. No. 4. The District Judge referred the case to the Magistrate Judge, as described in the order of referral. *See* Dkt. No. 3.

IT IS ORDERED that the District Clerk shall furnish the Office of the United States Attorney in San Antonio, Texas,¹ with copies of the Petition, the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, *see* Dkt. Nos. 1 & 3, and this Order, and that delivery by certified mail return receipt requested of those same documents shall constitute sufficient service of process on

¹ Attorneys with the Office of the United States Attorney already appear on the docket and therefore will automatically receive this Order via the CM/ECF system.

Respondents: Pam Bondi, Attorney General, Kristi Noem, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the District Clerk shall serve the remaining Respondent, Sylvester M. Ortega, Acting Field Office Director for Detention and Removal, ICE, by certified mail return receipt requested.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents shall file a response to the Petition **within (3) three days of the date of service.** *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2243. Respondents may, in lieu of a response, file a motion requesting additional time of up to 20 days to respond, as provided in 28 U.S.C. § 2243. *See id.* (noting, a return (i.e., a response) demonstrating why the writ should not be issued shall be provided “within three days unless for good cause additional time, not exceeding twenty days, is allowed”).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 27th day of June, 2025.



RICHARD B. FARRER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE